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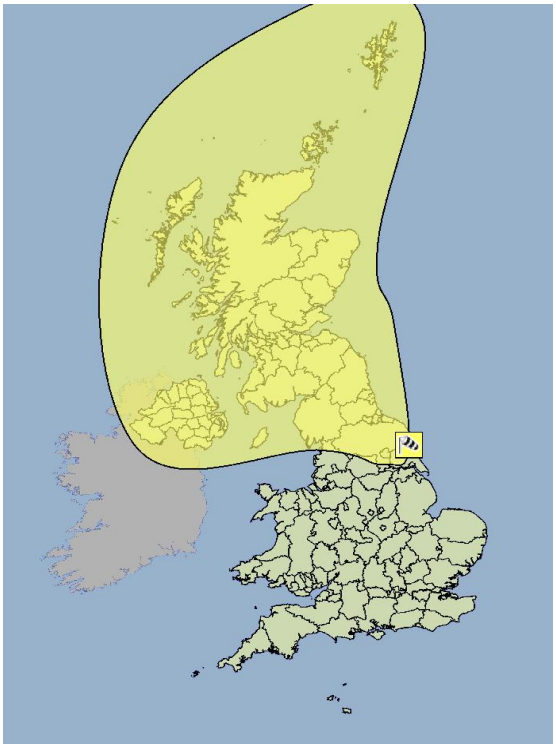

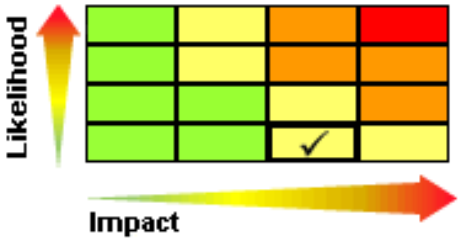

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deepening depression will move northeastwards across the Atlantic, passing northern Scotland during the Christmas period and bringing a broad swathe of gales and severe gales to much of northern Britain. There remains a fair degree of uncertainty in the exact track and intensity of the depression, which reduces confidence concerning the threat of particularly strong winds across the far north.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **09:00 on Sun, 25th Dec 2016** until **23:59 on Sun, 25th Dec 2016**

A further spell of very strong southwesterly winds is expected on Christmas Day (Sunday). Gusts of 50 to 60 mph are likely to occur quite widely, including to the east of high ground. Gusts of 60 to 70 mph will probably affect parts of northern Scotland, with a lower likelihood of gusts exceeding 80 mph across the far north of the mainland but quite possibly affecting the Northern Isles.

Be aware of the potential for disruption to holiday travel plans (for example restrictions on bridges and delays to ferry services). Other impacts may include disruption to power supplies, the occurrence so soon after Storm Barbara is unlikely to help in this respect, large waves affecting coastal areas, while heavy rain in the West Highlands combined with snowmelt may lead to rising river levels.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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